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MAKE ME A BLESSING TODAY

Gracie Elwood

Make me a blessing *today*, dear Lord;
Tomorrow may never come.
Help me to lead some erring soul
Away from the path that is wrong.

Make me a blessing *today*, dear Lord,
Give me the strength to go on,
For the harvest is ripe and the laborers are
few,
And there's so much that needs to be done.

Make me a blessing *today*, dear Lord,
If it's only a smile I can give
To some weary heart, discouraged and sad;
It may help them a new life to live.

Make me a blessing *today*, dear Lord,
To those who are needy and lost;
May I point them to Thee, the dear Lamb of
God,
Who can save to the uttermost.

Make me a blessing *today*, dear Lord;
Tomorrow may never come.
If my task be great, or if it be small,
May I hear Thee say "Well done."

THE GROUND OF



"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing," Ezek. 34:26.

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Notices

Special Notice

This is to certify that Rev. J. B. Camp has been officially appointed as state overseer of the Church of God in the state of New York. This appointment was made officially by the State Overseer Appointing Board in the office of the General Overseer this the 8th day of November, 1943. The address of Brother Camp is: 5123 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. —J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Notice to Evangelists

Evangelists, please send in your 1943 license for renewal. They are void after December 31, 1943.

Will you please state where your present membership is and give your present address on the reverse side of your license. Your state overseer will attach the "Marriage Privilege" to your certificate.

Address to Church of God General Secretary-Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn.

Exhorters, send your license to your respective state overseer for renewal. —Respectfully, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

I am in the evangelistic work, just moved here from Charlotte, N. C. Any one wanting me for a revival may get in touch with me at the address below. Haymarket is thirty-five miles from Washington, D. C.—D. H. Robinson, c/o R. L. Waddell, Haymarket, Va.

If there are any Church of God people near Camp Beale, Calif., please contact my boy, William L. Raines, 34572220, Co. C. 67, A. 1 B, A.P.O. 263, 13th A. D., Camp Beale, Calif.—His mother, Mrs. Liza Raines, Rt. 1, c/o F. P. Tweedell, Calhoun, Ga.

I am an evangelist from Nassau, Bahamas, living in the state of Alabama. I am doing evangelistic work on the field. I am a member of the local Church of God here in Clanton, been preaching quite a number of years. I am open for calls anywhere. Musical party of three, making four in all; string music and specials. Consult Brother E. M. Ellis, state overseer. My

address is General Delivery, Clanton, Ala.—Willard Deal.

Sophia, W. Va., over station WJLS, Beckley, each Sunday from 8:00-9:00 a. m. Conducted by Rev. R. B. Underwood, pastor, Sophia, W. Va., church and Mullins district pastor.

Anyone having relatives or friends in the army camps around Indianapolis, Ind., and wishing me to contact them, please let me know how to get in touch with them. When you write them give them the address of the church, which is 1065 Oliver Avenue.—C. E. Swenson, pastor.

WANTED: Old Evangelists and Lighted Pathways for distribution in Indiana. Please send postpaid, if possible. —Hobart Casteel, 969 A. St., S. E., Linton, Ind.

The Church of God at Warner Robins, Ga., is located on Watson Blvd. —W. M. Thompson, pastor.

Sometime ago a man in the army in Colorado gave a testimony in the Evangel. He is from the state of Georgia. Will some of his folks please write to me and give me his address? His name is Cleyborn Hemrick.—J. L. Sundahl, Henning, Minnesota.

My address is changed from Box 164, Baxley, Ga., to Box 35, Glennville, Ga. This is a new place; the church has been set in order only a few months, and I would appreciate old Evangelists, Bibles and tracts of any kind that are good. You folks who read the Evangel can help this place grow, so please hasten the good literature on. Thanks for what you sent me last year.—James S. Roberts.

CABLEGRAM FROM HAITI

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Haitian government courteously granted the Church of God recognition and right to function.—J. H. Walker, E. C. Clark, M. P. Cross.

MINISTERS

Kindly remember that thirty days is the grace period on group insurance. After that time said insurance is subject to cancellation. — General Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

TELEGRAM

After a three weeks' revival in Jersey City, Brother Ernest Spinalli and congregation of thirty united with the church. More members to follow. Nice church building. — Frank Petrucelli, Jersey City, N. J.

A revival is in progress at Corbin, Kentucky. Every night the altar is filled to overflowing and souls are praying through to victory. To date thirty-two have been saved and sanctified and six have received the Holy Ghost. Four weeks ago we purchased a brick church building formerly used by the Christian people. Sister Bessie Jones, of Knoxville, is doing the preaching. All denominations are attending the revival. The house is filled every night, and the people are stirred for God. The spiritual tide is high. Please help us pray that many souls
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Institutions . . . Their Functions and Motives

By E. E. Coleman

(This is the fourth of five articles on the above named subject.)

Government

There are many forms of government in the world today, and none of them are altogether new. Most of them have existed in a modified form ever since man has had any form of government.

The dictatorships of today had their prototypes in the old absolute monarchies of a few centuries ago. The democracies of today had their precedent in several forms of government where the people had representatives; and a formal council of people to make their own laws dates back to very early times. Great Britain's Parliament of today is a continuation of some of these councils, which have, of course, been improved a great deal by time and experience. Our own Senate had its prototype and precedent in Ancient Rome.

The fact that the two mightiest nations on earth have a system of government after the democratic form, makes us to know that it has not been a failure. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the U.S.A. and Great Britain are proof that it pays to give the people a voice in the deliberations of their national government.

A government of the people, by the people, and for the people is by far the best system ever instituted. That principle can be applied to most any issue that may arise, and a reasonable settlement can be concluded.

Freedom of the press, of assertion, of speech, of peaceful assembly, and of religion are all indispensable to the continued well-being of a nation. A system of government where any of these freedoms are suppressed will prove an ultimate failure.

I believe in freedom of religion, even though I do not believe in all the forms of religion. I think it is very wrong for an individual, city, or state to arrest or cause to be arrested or in any other way molest or interfere with any individual or group of people when they are engaged in spreading their religious teaching by printed

page, by radio or by mouth. If we are to have RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, then there must be NO PRIVILEGED CHARACTERS, but all must enjoy the same freedom. Let me refer to a group that I feel are as wrong as any group on earth, so far as their teaching is concerned; that is the "Witnesses of Jehovah," sometimes called Russellites; but I am deeply grieved every time I hear that they have been arrested or opposed in any way, not that I think that they have the true message for the people, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO FREEDOM THAT I HAVE. I think that their teaching is foolish and unbiblical, along with a lot of other churches I know of, but I am an American and as such I can not suppress them. The only lawful thing that I can do is to preach to them and teach them in the spirit of love, and try to show them the error of their way, and if I fail then let them go the way they want to go. The Bible says, "Whosoever will may come." Every word of that statement is filled with the spirit of freedom. There is nothing compelling about it; and when we use force or coercion, we have left the teaching of the Bible and the principles of democracy. God never forces people to serve Him.

A government of the people and by the people, is not always FOR the people. Sometimes they make mistakes that are very costly, yet there is no other system that can successfully take the place of democracy.

The gravest danger to a democracy is for a party to get in office who will exploit the government for personal gain. The only lawful recourse the people have in such a case is that of impeachment. It is seldom ever resorted to, but I wonder if we would not have better and more honest politicians if we did impeach a lot more of them.

I am not a parliamentarian, so I will dispense of this phase of the subject with the foregoing.

Now we will discuss "Church Government."

It is said of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6, that, "The government shall be upon his shoulder." This refers to the millennium, but coupled with the many verses that teach that Jesus is the Head of the Church, makes us know that He is also the Governor of the Church, and therefore the government of the church is upon His shoulders.

Before Jesus went away, He strictly commanded His disciples to OCCUPY until He returned. He then told them to receive the Holy Ghost, who is the dispenser of divine wisdom, and then He told them to be LED BY THE SPIRIT. So we conclude that Jesus gave the government of the Church to His anointed ministry to manage until He returns (at which time He will take the government upon His shoulders in final and complete fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6). But WOE UNTO THE CHURCH IF THOSE MEN ARE NOT LED BY THE SPIRIT.

If those men are led by the Spirit, then the Church has divine government, and is a theocracy. But if those men are NOT led by the SPIRIT, then the church is a democracy. When God governs, it is a theocracy; when men govern, it is a democracy, IF the men who govern are appointed by the people governed, and this is the case in the Church of God. The bishops who govern the Church are men who were selected by the local churches and recommended to the ministry, and were later ordained bishops with and by the consent of the local church, with the local church's knowledge of the fact that when they were ordained they would have the right to sit in the Bishops' Council and represent the Church's interest there. So if the local church is led by the Spirit of God when they recommend men to the ministry, and if those men are led by the Spirit of God in the Council, then that is a theocracy. So you see that God can only govern the Church if they allow Him to lead them. But the Church has the Bible as their guide, and they need not, and will not err, if they obey it. THE

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

German Persecution of Jews

Contemporary Jewish Record under caption of U.S.S.R. in Chronicles of Jewish writings reports the following tragic brutalities:

"On July 6, while in Shakhty, where the whole Jewish population was destroyed, the bodies of 3,000 Jews were discovered drowned in the coal mines.

"Complete extermination of the Jews in the Donets Basin was reported (Aug. 13) by the newspaper *Pravda*, which revealed that huge pits filled with victims were found in Golova. Enormous mass graves were also uncovered (Aug. 9) at Mineralnye-Vody and Stavropol in the Caucasus.

"In one day the Nazis murdered 25,000 Jews in Odessa, the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee disclosed, reported July 23. An eyewitness told (Aug. 6) of the dynamiting of a cinema building in Kiev, into which Jewish men, women and children had first been herded. "The fire," he said, "raged for six days." The entire Jewish population of Orel, numbering 5,000 persons, had been wiped out, *Tass*, Soviet News Agency, reported on Aug. 9.

"Some 30,000 Jews still in occupied Carpatho-Russia were starving under Nazi regulations forbidding all means of earning a livelihood, Geneva sources stated on July 23.

"On the second anniversary of the German invasion, the J.A.F.C. revealed (July 2) that over 10,000 Jews in the armed forces had been decorated for bravery, nine with the highest award, Hero of the Soviet Union.

"In the Uzbek city of Bukhara, with a pre-war population of 500 Jewish families, 6,000 Jewish families from Poland, Lithuania and the Ukraine were now living and working in the fur industry and textile factories, the J.A.F.C. disclosed on Aug. 6."

Slaughtered Saints

"The U. S. Italian Protestant ministers spoke not only for their own congregations (Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian), but for Italy's Protestants who cannot speak for themselves. Most of these are Waldensians who originated in 12th-Century

France, have lived chiefly in the Piedmontese Alps for 650 years."

Starving Belgians and Poles

Clarence E. Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, testifying before a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee, stated that "there is a startling increase in disease and that it is estimated that 20 per cent of the Belgian population will die this winter, plus 50 per cent of the Poles." He pointed out that the feeding of these starving people, especially the children, is a "moral issue." Further, that the attitude of our government toward Europe's starving millions is creating a condition which "will make any framework for peace unworkable."

Bible Printed in Canada First Time

A report coming out of Toronto, Ont., by RNS states that: "The printing of 30,000 copies of the King James Bible by the United Church Publishing House here marks the first time in history that the English Bible has been published in any part of the British Commonwealth outside the British Isles.

Copyright for the English Bible has for centuries been vested in the king. For many years, the sale right of publishing the Bible lay with "The King's Printer," though later the right was extended to the publishing houses of Oxford and Cambridge and later still to the Scottish house of Collins.

Prayer Week

A week of prayer is scheduled for January 2-9 under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches in the United States. In other lands its observance will be under the direction of the World's Evangelical Alliance. A week of determined and consecrated prayer should do great good. If the Federal Council should pray through to where they can and will accept Christ as the glorified Head of the Church—and not that He was simply a person who lived a beautiful and a great life while on earth, this would be a great accomplishment. Prayers made unto Him are an imposition un-

less those who offer them can accept Christ as being all that God's Word says about Him, and as He Himself being the TRUTH. Otherwise such prayers are mockery. The Bible is either all true or otherwise none of it is true. It is a plain case of "take it or leave it."

A Great Contrast

While most every American citizen knows where he will get his next meal, our boys in Italy and the South Pacific are not sure that they will have a "next meal." While we sit by the home fireside and lie in warm beds, they lie in trenches and are exposed to the snow and the rain; otherwise a burning sun. If there is no other service to be rendered these defenders of home and country, then we should certainly remember them in prayer. There is a need lying beyond, however, that must be supplied in material giving and sacrifice on the part of the American people.

Bible Distribution in Soviet Possible

It is reported through RNS that there is "hope" that the Soviet Government will permit the British Bible Society, the American Bible Society and other organizations to again distribute the Bible in Russia. If this desire is granted it may be reasonably assumed that there will be a favorable attitude toward religion in Russia after the war is over.

French Jews Arrested for Internment

Christianity and Crisis reports that "An increasing number of Jews in the southern zone of France are being arrested and sent to the Drancy Concentration Camp, which is the jumping-off place for deportation to Eastern Europe, according to an article in the Stockholm newspaper *Aftonbladet*.

The Swedish dispatch, quoting reports from Berne, said that mass arrests have taken place at Marseille, Toulouse, Perpignan, Ales, Aix en Provence and Limoges, while in Clermont-Ferrand all Jews have been deported in retaliation for resistance shown to the Germans.

Entire families were said to be hiding in the forests to escape being arrested.

Conditions at the Drancy Concentration Camp have become "terrible" since it was taken over by German storm troops, the dispatch said. Two thousand persons are reported to be interned there.

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Man's Quest for God

Text, Psalms 53:1; 14:1,2, "*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.*"

Friends, notice the subject of this message: "MAN'S QUEST FOR GOD." The word "quest" means, according to Mr. Webster, "search; inquiry."

You may wonder where I found such a subject. Well, some few months ago I read in one of our popular newspapers an advertisement of a booklet which was to tell the story of the subject above. I did not buy the booklet. The advertisement was enough for me, and I feel it will be enough for you, too.

We will make this subject read as it should; note it, "MAN'S SEARCH OR INQUIRY FOR GOD." Brother, sister, and friend, I am of the opinion that you and I KNOW that there is a God. I am satisfied that there is a great God, One who rules the heavens and the earth, and beside Him there is none other. He is the God of our fathers. He is the One who sent the Holy Ghost into my life that I feel there just now. Praise His name. He is worthy to be praised.

This little note that I have before me says, "Religion is man's quest for God." It also states, "Religion began long before there were any written records, hence to seek its 'origin' is mere 'guesswork.'"

Some people say, "Oh, we just happened to be here." Well, I wonder who just happened to put us here? There must have been someone who just happened to put us where we are. Then they say, "Oh, but that is just nature that we are here." Well, I am still asking where nature came from? When we find where nature came from, then we are next door to the great Creator, God the Father. Some are so much unlike God that they don't want to find Him.

This paper that I am taking notes from says that primitive man in his sleep dreamed that he traveled, killed animals or wrought great feats. Note this: But his wife informed him "that

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he had never left the tent or cave or hut." So he believed he had a soul, which left his body and went forth abroad. Friends, in these days in which you and I live there are all kinds of spirits to seduce us. The paper goes on to say that, "Life was full of mysteries. Strange things happened, and primitive man began to believe these were accomplished by spirits. If he had an accident, he would leave a gift at the spot for the spirit which had wrought the damage to him, to prevent further harm. Hence arose sacrifices and offerings, followed by prayers and worship. This is the famous theory worked out by Sir Edward Burnett Taylor in 1871 in his book 'Primitive Culture.'"

Here we are indirectly persuaded to believe that what we profess to have today in our souls is just merely "make believe." In other words, "Just fooled." Certainly we have known God long enough that He is real to us. Some may believe such things as have been mentioned. But I for one, they can deal me out of that click. Many may agree with the thought that you and I just happened to be, but I will say here that God placed us here and I think He did a good job at all His work. Man has made some terrible blunders, but I can't find where the God of glory has ever made a mistake. There is not a human being that can look and see one small item, yea, even a small item in this world that God worked out, that they could improve in the least. Books of various kinds have been revised, etc., but there has never been a man or woman that can improve the Bible in one point. Why can't they? It was complete in the beginning. Thank God.

We are met so many times with such remarks as: "Do you really believe there is a God? Do you think there is a hereafter? Do you believe there is a hell, and a heaven? Where did God come from? Why do such and such things happen as they do, if there is a God?" Well, God is the Boss, He is

the Maker, the Judge; He will take care of those things Himself. I do not have the pre-eminence over Him; I am not His dictator. He moves when He desires and we have to abide by His rulings.

I know not why some like to question God, when it is so vivid that the world is here, and that we are on earth. We should know that someone placed us here. The Bible and the signs of the times perfectly agree. Why shouldn't you and I believe the Bible? and if we believe it then we will believe there is a God. Surely we are not worshipping an unknown God. I am worshipping a living God. Man is not intelligent enough to tell us the things the Bible does, so surely this ought to be sufficient to satisfy us if there was ever a doubt in our minds. You and I did not just happen to be here, and if we did, then there is a supreme One that just happened to be here too, before we were, because we came from somewhere. God first, us last.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

Emily Arndt

Soon the Bridegroom will be calling
For His faithful wedding guests!
Softly now the shades are falling,
And the world in slumber rests.
Watch ye, therefore, watch and pray
For the breaking of the day!
Keep the lamps trimm'd bright and
burning,
Glad to welcome His returning.

Then shall they appear in brightness
With their glorious wedding gowns,
Beautiful in heav'nly whiteness,
Shining stars within their crowns!
Saints and prophets, martyrs, all—
Ransomed sinners great and small—
Oh! 'twill be a glorious meeting,
Friendly welcome, heav'nly greeting.

Then, oh, then all tribulation
Will be ended, will be o'er,
Sorrows, trials, and temptation
Ceased at last forevermore.
The redeemed—His blessed Bride—
Ever shall with Him abide,
Then they'll sing the old, old story—
Of His love—in heav'nly glory.

Women Preachers - - -

It was sometime ago I heard a man strongly condemning women for preaching, and his claim was that it was not scriptural for a woman to preach or teach. Now, if this man be RIGHT, then God is doing a poor job running His business because thousands of women are traveling over the world preaching the gospel of the kingdom and the Lord is blessing their efforts and souls are being saved. I grant this man had not been saved under a lady's preaching, because if he had, like thousands upon thousands have been, he would not have been so quick to criticize and say it was not God's plan for a woman to teach or preach.

However, for the benefit of this man and his many friends of like BELIEF I would like to turn the searchlight of God's TRUTH on this theory that women should not be permitted to preach.

Joel Prophesied That Women Would Preach

Joel 2:28, 29, "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and YOUR DAUGHTERS shall prophesy."

If you do not know what it means to "PROPHESY," then turn with me to 1 Cor. 14:3, 4, "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (That is nothing more than preaching.) Or again, "He that prophesieth edifieth the church."

Joel's Prophecy Was Fulfilled

Acts 2:14-18. This took place on the day of Pentecost in the upper room at Jerusalem where about 120 men and WOMEN were filled with the Holy Spirit and SPAKE and MAGNIFIED GOD.

Philip's Daughters

Acts 21:8, 9, "And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had FOUR DAUGHTERS, virgins, which did prophesy." (Read 1 Cor. 14: 3, 4 again and see what it

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means to prophesy.)

Anna the Prophetess Speaks

Luke 2:36-38, "And there was one Anna, a PROPHETESS, the DAUGHTER of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed NOT from the TEMPLE, BUT SERVED God with fastings and prayers night and day. And SHE coming in (in the temple) that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Paul Recommends Phebe of Cenchrea

Rom. 16:1, 2, "I commend unto you Phebe our SISTER, which is a SERVANT OF THE CHURCH (their pastor) which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive HER in the LORD, as becometh saints (some people do not want to RECEIVE LADY SERVANTS OF THE LORD) and that ye ASSIST HER in whatsoever BUSINESS she hath need of you: for SHE HATH BEEN a succourer of many, and of myself also." (In other words, Phebe was a real soul-winner—I wish we had 100,000 like her in Indiana.)

Priscilla and Aquila Helpers

Rom. 16:3, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila MY HELPERS in Christ Jesus."

Those Women

Phil. 4:3, "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help THOSE WOMEN which LABOURED with me in the GOSPEL, with Clement also, . . ."

Psa. 68:11, R.V., "The Lord gave the word: great was the army of WOMEN that published it."

You Objectors

Your flimsy arguments are built upon the Scriptures found in 1 Cor. 14: 34, 35 and in 1 Tim. 2:12. These Scriptures have nothing to do with WOMEN PREACHING OR PROPHECYING. If this be true Paul surely did

CROSS up his preaching because he said in 1 Cor. 14:31, "For ye may ALL prophesy one by one, that ALL may learn, and ALL may be comforted." This would also include the women. Again, 1 Cor. 11:4, 5, "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered dishonoureth his head. But every WOMAN THAT PRAYETH OR PROPHESIETH with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven." Yes, Paul acknowledges the fact that women preach (prophesieth) and does not condemn them. Paul in his writings to Titus advises the AGED WOMEN to be TEACHERS of good things.

Women Teachers

Titus 2:3-5, "The AGED WOMEN likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, TEACHERS of good things; That they MAY TEACH the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

What Did Paul Mean, Then, in 1 Cor. 14:34, 35 and 1 Tim. 2:12?

Paul simply meant that a woman did not have the RIGHT to ask and debate questions in the Church such as the men had in those days. The women do not have the authority over a man in the business of the Church. Yet they have their work to do and many women today are winning lost and dying souls to the Lord Jesus Christ, and who are we that we should put a stumbling block in their path, "lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." If you can't be a HELPER, don't be a HINDERER.

Healed

BATH, S. C.—Dear Saints, my little girl had warts on her feet and legs so badly she could hardly wear her shoes. I asked Brother Teaster to pray for her and anoint her with oil and the Lord has healed her. The Lord healed her and I thank Him for it. Pray for my family and me.—R. C. Usry.

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen,"
Mark 16:15, 20.

This message has been on my heart for sometime. The scripture which we are using in this message are the words which the Lord spoke Himself. They were spoken to the disciples just before Jesus went to heaven. He first told them to preach the gospel to every creature, and He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." He promised them that those who heard the Word they preached (or believed) and were baptized should be saved. Those who would not believe should be damned. This verse has reference to two classes of people, the believer and the unbeliever.

The 17th verse says, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Which signs? The signs which Jesus mentioned. Jesus didn't say a few or some who believed, He meant anyone who would believe. All right, let's see what signs He spoke about.

The first one Jesus mentioned, "In my name shall they cast out devils," not in their name or someone else's name, but in Jesus' name. Did this sign follow those Church of God preachers? Sure it did.

Philip went down to Samaria to preach the gospel and unclean spirits came out of many. The sick were healed and these signs, which followed his preaching, were the cause of people accepting the Lord. Read Acts 8:7. We also find where Peter healed a number of people when there came a multitude of the cities around about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed. Read Acts 5:16.

Yes, signs followed them as they preached the gospel. The next sign Jesus mentioned, was, "They shall speak with new tongues." Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This was a new tongue; they had never spoken in this manner before. In 1 Cor. 14:22 Paul says, "Tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." This is one sign which

Signs

By MYRTLE WHITEHEAD

the devil doesn't like. On the day of Pentecost some said they were drunk on new wine, others were pricked in their hearts and asked those brethren what to do. This is one sign which caused me to think on my way before I received the blessing. I heard them speak in tongues. I knew there was something to it.

The next sign was in the 18th verse, "They shall take up serpents." This is one verse we do not hear mentioned very much these days and there are some people, I suppose, who would like to take it out of the Bible, but it is there and Jesus said this sign would follow believers just the same as those I have mentioned before. Now I suppose there have been some people who have brought a reproach on the Lord by taking up serpents, getting in the flesh, but if they have it still doesn't change the Word of the Lord. The 16th chapter of Mark is still in the Bible.

I have seen several serpents taken up in Jesus' name and unbelievers, who were present, seeing the power of God manifested in this manner, were made to believe.

I do not say we seek for signs or that signs (such as taking up serpents) are an evidence of salvation, but I do believe just what Jesus said is true. I do not believe in making a hobby of preaching signs, but I would be afraid not to accept all the Bible. Some say this sign means (or has reference) to the devil. I am sure Jesus wouldn't tell us to cast out a devil and then take him up. We do find that in some places where the serpent is mentioned in the Bible it has reference to the devil, but not in the 16th chapter of St. Mark.

The power of God can have control of an angry serpent and it becomes helpless and as harmless as a dove. I have seen them many times in that condition. When God spoke to Moses and told him to take that serpent he obeyed Him and when he picked it up it was a real serpent, but God caused it to become a rod while in his hand, and this was a sign so the people might see and know that God

was with him.

We notice the next sign Jesus mentioned, "If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." Here Jesus says "if" in the place of "shall." I do not think God would be pleased for any of His believers to drink a deadly poison knowingly, but I believe if someone should try to secretly poison us by putting some poisonous drug in our drinking water or food, I believe the Lord would take care of us and protect us from any harm, because we are believers. Bless His name! He has all power.

Now the last sign He mentions, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Some people will say, "Oh yes, I believe this sign," while others say they don't think people can be healed these days. They say the days of miracles are past and they think this message was only to the disciples. But I am glad that God has no respect of persons and He hasn't changed.

If we'll believe, He can heal us of any disease. It doesn't matter how long we have been sick, there is no case too hard for Him. I've seen some wonderful healings during these years but it takes faith, patience and prayer. James says, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." I see the need of us (God's children) having more power with God and signs following. I do not believe we have to preach just signs all the time until it becomes a "hobby," but I believe if we'll preach Jesus and Him crucified the signs will follow us. Jesus said they would.

My sister's little boy had a broken limb. Some suggested having the bone set, but we all held on to the Lord and the child was wonderfully healed. Not one thing was done but prayer offered continually. Yes, Jesus heals broken bones. Another one of my little nephews was real low. One time they said he was dying, but his mother, father and a number of others held on to the Lord until victory came. Not one remedy was used in these cases. Well, did the disciples obey the Lord? Did these signs follow them? Let's see what Mark 16:20 says, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Notice "SIGNS," not a sign. Oh! I do want to live the Word and preach the Word so God can put His approval on all I do. If we'll preach the gospel, God will honor our efforts and work
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"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit," Eph. 5:18.

"Wine is a mocker," Prov. 20:1, therefore it brings a deluded and false joy to those who are intoxicated by it. I've seen poor old drunkards get very religious. Yes, they would cry and talk about meeting their dear old mother in Glory who was dead and gone on.

But on the day of Pentecost when a hundred and twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit, some thought they were drunk on new wine (Acts 2:13), but Peter told them they were not drunken as they supposed. He never said they were not drunk; he intimated they were, but not like they thought—on new wine.

Wine produces a foolish mind. It fills the mind with vain imaginations, which causes its victims to sing vile, filthy, and foolish songs. But the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost, will be a real music factory, to produce sincere music and singing, full of gratitude right in our heart's continually.

Now we might ask, What is the Holy Ghost? He is a filler for a clean heart (See Matt. 12:43-46). It is very dangerous to drift along and not be filled with the Holy Ghost. In Acts 2:4 we read where one hundred and twenty were filled. Filled with what? With the Holy Ghost. See John 7:37-39.

He is also a refiller. See Acts 4:31—"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled (some at least were refilled) with the Holy Ghost." When (which is often) I feel so helpless and weak and lifeless, I like to think of Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." I like to think of the Syriac version: "When the Holy Spirit is come upon you, you will receive energy." "He shall be in you," John 14:17.

He is an endowment of power for service. Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49. Christ's last words were for His disciples to go and tarry till they were endued with power from on high. Shouting and demonstration is fine, and I surely do like services where the people get happy and leap, run, dance, talk in tongues, and demonstrate, but the main reason to have the Holy Ghost is to have power to be a light, a continuous one; not a blinking, flickering, off and on lightning bug kind, but a real light that is connected with an inexhaustible source of power.

The Spirit-Filled

One fellow fixed up a doorbell from a battery and it worked fine, so he said to himself, "I'll wire my house and have lights also." After wiring and he thought he had everything fixed, he shoved in the switch, but no lights. Then he rechecked everything and tried again, but still no lights. He called in an electrician to find out the trouble. When the electrician saw his experiment he laughed, and said, "It takes more power to burn a light than to make a noise" (to ring a bell). To be a noisy fellow and to be a radiant Christian are two different things. But any Christian ought to make a joyful noise unto the Lord (once in a while at least).

"Power to its last particle is duty" (Foster). In other words, we need the power of the Holy Ghost to help us fear God and keep His commandments, which is the whole duty of man. "No power, no respect." "Power weakeneth the wicked." One man (pointing to Niagara Falls) said, "There is the greatest unused power in the world"; but another man said, "No, brother, the Holy Ghost is the greatest unused power in this world."

Who is the Holy Ghost for—?

Well, He is not for sinners but He is to convict, convince, and reprove sinners. John 16:8, 9. The Holy Ghost at work in a church will prick (cut) sinners to the heart, and cause them to ask for directions. Acts 2:37.

He is for the submissive and obedient, Acts 5:32; for those that tarry long enough, Luke 24:49; for those that are called out of sin, Acts 2:38, 39.

Who received him? One hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost. Acts 1:15-2:4; the Samaritans in Acts 8:14-17; Cornelius and all that heard (accepted) the Word, Acts 10:44; twelve in the 19th chapter of Acts (I believe Paul dropped in on these folks for a little visit, and took his seat and was very quiet; when he saw the service was very dry and formal, no zeal, no power, lifeless and almost dead, at the close of the service he gets acquainted with the leaders and asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed, and when they saw light they walked in

it). Then there are millions now living that have received this wonderful blessing, and still have Him abiding in His temple. PRAISE THE LORD.

Now we want to give the Word of God for proofs of the evidence as to whether we have the Holy Ghost or not; they are many, and some that I think are very important.

John said, 15:26, that "when he is come he will testify"—He will speak. John is the one who said this, and he is the one who preached to the Samaritans in Acts 8, where some may want to make claim that all don't speak in tongues when they receive the blessing. But Simon the sorcerer saw something definite, something exciting, something real, or he would not have offered money for such power as Peter and John had. In Acts 2:4 all were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues. In Acts 10:46 Cornelius and his household spoke in tongues. In Acts 19:6 twelve received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. So I think it is very clearly taught in the Scriptures that tongues is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

He is a teacher (the principal). John 14:26. Here I want to give a little of my experience for the express purpose of honoring God. After I received the Holy Ghost I was called to preach, I also felt led to study the Bible in subjects, and make notes of my study. I soon had several messages prepared (even though I was not in the ministry), so kept studying and praying and later felt impressed to put out a sermon outline book. This took fasting, praying, tears, and many struggles, but I finally got it ready for the market, even though it was not near a perfect one; but what impressed me was to hear preachers who had been to college say I was good on homiletics, that the book was in good homiletic style. I heard so much about homiletics that I decided I'd get a dictionary and find out what the word "homiletics" meant, and I found out it meant sermonizing or the art of preparing a sermon. Now I feel like praising God for helping a poor, ignorant plowboy like He has me. "I am poor and needy; yet the Lord

Life



By D. H. Delk

thinketh upon me," Psa. 40:17.

The Holy Ghost is a reminder, not of the injuries and insults of others, nor of our rights. People were once born with duties and obligations to perform; now they are born to stand for their rights. But the Holy Ghost will remind you of the words of Christ, of His love, meekness, mercy, commands and promises.

Now we want to talk about the fruit (evidences) of the Spirit. Surely these things ought to be, and will be in a **SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**.

Gal. 5:22. Note the word "but." It means the opposite, something different, vice versa, something altogether different to the works of the flesh. A good tree will bring forth good fruit. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?

Fruit is supposed to ripen to get to where it will easily turn loose the tree. When I see folks that profess to be filled with the Spirit, holding on to this world with dear life, I wonder how these things can be.

THE FIRST FRUIT IS LOVE, a feast of charity. We need to eat more of God's love, and a little less meat and bread. "He who is a slave to his belly, seldom worships God" (Saadi). The children of Israel craved flesh to eat but it damaged their souls. If we will study love, talk love, read love, and eat and drink love, then we will bear the fruit of love, and prove to the world that we have the Spirit (Holy Ghost).

Second, **JOY**. A gloomy, sad and ill-natured Christian (if that can be) is a useless one. An ounce of joy is worth a pound of gloom to God's cause. I believe this fruit will be manifested when we hit some hard temptations. Yes, I believe we can count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations. We should pray for God to forgive us for our sadness the same as our evil thoughts or evil words. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth, not with a colic, complaints, grunts and grumbles. No, we have a **NEW AND LIVING WAY NOW, AND GOD WANTS OUR BODIES TO BE LIVING SACRIFICES**. Some animals have moping seasons, and so do some Christians. Be filled

with the Spirit (be crammed full) and there will be a joy bubbling up in your soul.

PEACE. Peace means prosperity, and that is what we will have if we are filled with the Spirit, not so much in gold and silver perhaps, but in the work of the Lord. Daniel prospered because he had the Spirit of God upon him. Read Psa. 1:1-3. This describes the prosperity (peace) that is a fruit of the Spirit. Peace also means to set at one again, or to **CONNECT INTO ONE**. If we are filled with the Spirit, when we find a friction, discord, or breach between Christians, we will do our best to connect them into one again. These are dark and dreadful days of war. Many delight in war, and sometimes in the Church we find a fellow that delights in **MOTE-HUNTING**, which causes confusion, discord, and finally a separation of brothers and sisters. David prayed a good prayer when he said, "O God, scatter the people that delight in war." I **FIND IT A GOOD POLICY TO LET THE GOD OF PEACE KEEP US SANCTIFIED EVERY DAY**.

LONGSUFFERING. This is close akin to patience (elastic endurance). The more patience we have, the more peace we will have. The reason so many are so easy to fly off the handle and say cutting words or threaten to slap or whip someone over some little and minor affair, is the lack of patience. It is sad to think so many won't even win their own soul. It takes a lot of patience these days. The waiter finally got around to a fellow, and said, "Now what will you have?" and he said, "Well, I came in for breakfast, but if dinner is ready, I'll just order my supper!" Oh, if we could only wait; if we only had more patience. God give all of us more charity that will suffer long and be kind also.

GENTLENESS. The Greek word is "usefulness." A gentle mule is useful, a wild one is not only useless but dangerous. Well do I remember one day as I was plowing a silly mule, when a big horsefly began to bite him, I thought I'd relieve him, so I went around and said, "Whoa, boy," slapping down on the horsefly at the same time. This silly mule showed his grat-

itude by giving me a good kick (it felt like a bad one). He showed me he didn't need any of my help. I don't suppose we are living in the Laodicean period, but I see many that say they have the Holy Ghost who have the spirit of this mule. They have no need of any advice, or a Sunday morning sermon, and it's a bit dangerous to try to help them. "A wise man will hear, and increase learning," Prov. 1:5. "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated," James 3:17. "Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength" (Sales).

GOODNESS. The Syriac says "kindness." "Kindness is a language the dumb can speak, the deaf can hear and understand" (Bovee). "Paradise is open to all kind hearts" (Beranger).

Goodness of the Spirit will not only make you good but good for something, and we can do more good by being good than any other way. Being good is doing good, and doing good is being good. A good man is a God-possessed man. Our goodness without God is bad. This fruit of the Spirit will make you a busy bee, a worker that will never turn to a drone. This fruit will make you good, so good your name will never die. This fruit is that that will make us living examples, divine arrows pointing continually to the Lamb of God. This goodness will not make a little goody goody, ornament, or wall flower out of us, but a vessel sanctified and meet for the Master's use. A lady promised her little girl something nice if she would stay at home and be a good little girl till she returned from the store. On her return the girl was waiting at the gate. Her mother said, "Were you a good girl?" She said, "Yes, Mamma, I was gooder than that; I was so good, Mamma, till I could hardly stand it." Don't try to be good, try to stay full of the Spirit.

FAITH. The Syriac says "fidelity." It means faithfulness, constancy. If we are filled with the Spirit, we are not an off-and-on, slipping, sliding, dodging, chiseling, irregular, inconsistent green lizard kind of a man. Spiritually speaking, some folks' spiritual lives look like old rusty, worn-out, snaggle-toothed crosscut saws, yet sometimes they thank God for being full of the Holy Ghost. **SELF-DELUSION**. "Fidelity is the sister of justice" (Horace). There is no greater need in the Church of God today than fidelity, faithful

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A SACRED ORDINANCE

The mental picture which appears when I read of the ministry of John the Baptist always thrills my soul. I picture the rolling Jordan River, the great concourse of people, the spectacular and strange man of God clothed with camel's hair and the girdle of leather around his waist—a man whose sustenance came from feeding on locusts and wild honey; a man with a new and charming approach to the worship of Jehovah; a man with a message for every class of people who sought peace with God and salvation of soul, nor was his way of life a cheap release from the conscience offended by evil for he demanded all candidates for baptism to repent of their sins and to straighten their past lives of rebellion against God and also to make restitution for their crimes against their fellow men. John refused those seeking baptism who did not bring just proof of their repentance for sins. This rugged

preacher was no one to be deceived by fair speeches or even by the pressure of life and the popularity of his position, for he answered the soldiers, tax-collectors and all who came with sincere but straightforward appraisal of their iniquities and the required standard of righteousness for all desiring the blessing of water baptism.

One day in the midst of his ministry and at the zenith of his work, John the Baptist made a most unusual prediction and statement. He cried, saying, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKETH AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD." This was the reaction of a man to his Lord! but Jesus came humbly seeking baptism by immersion as other scores had done and now John is reluctant, not because Jesus is not worthy but because the great baptizer himself feels his own inferiority. Jesus tenderly advises John that he must suffer it to be so now that righteousness be fulfilled.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, on that day in the dim centuries of the past, forever glorified the ordinance of **BAPTISM BY IMMERSION.**

Volumes have been written to bring the great ordinance to the attention of mankind. Some writings have been written to credit and others to discredit but in spite of them all thousands of men and women every year go to the pools or the river and seas and with the old hymns and the prayers of devoted servants they follow their Lord in water baptism, which is the open declaration of the work of grace wrought in the heart by the Spirit of God. It is most inspiring indeed to see the faithful as they go into the waters and for a moment the very element into which they go seems sacred and hallowed by the pervading presence of God. The burial which is symbolic of our Lord's entombment, the coming out of the water symbolizing His victory over the grave, the nat-

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The baptismal scene here shown is a joint service conducted by Rev. Brady Dennis, pastor of the Church of God at Waynesboro, Pa., and Rev. George Harne, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Pentecostal Church, which is located just across the Pennsylvania line in the picturesque mountains of western Maryland. It was in a body of water along this historic Mason and Dixon Line where the twenty-three candidates followed the Lord in water baptism.

This is not only a beautiful and significant picture in its own right as a scriptural ordinance, but it shows the fine fellowship welded by love in the same meetings and at the

same altars where these two churches have labored shoulder to shoulder in the work they love so well. Brother Harne and Brother Dennis enjoyed such mutual zeal in the common cause and worked so harmoniously together that this is a fitting picture of their heart-warming service for God. Brother Dennis, who is now pastor of the Church of God in Pontiac, Mich., is shown at the extreme right. Rev. R. F. Koshewitz is now pastor of the Church of God in Waynesboro and the reports from the church are most gratifying. May God continue to bless the fellowship of the church at Waynesboro and the church on the mountain.—
J. Stewart Brinsfield.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The saving of my soul and healing of my body, I have been stricken down several times with convulsions. I am a girl about twenty years old and I desire salvation.—Susie Childers, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The saving and healing of Mr. Lattie Seawell, Jonesboro, N. C., who has a cancer in his throat. It is eating fast. He almost bled to death recently. He says he is not satisfied about his soul and he wants to be saved. Please pray earnestly that God will save his soul and heal his body, if it is His will.—Sadie Riddle, Rt. 2, Jonesboro, N. C.

Me to be completely healed and saved.—A friend, Rt. 2, Mooresville, N. C.

The Lord to heal my little boy who is in the hospital, he can hardly walk; my little niece to be healed of Bright's disease, she has been in bed seven weeks.—Mrs. Effie Stewart, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Me to be healed; my sons in the Service.—Mrs. Linda Manuel, Rt. 4, Galax, Va.

The complete healing of my son; my husband's complete surrender to what he knows is God's will.—Ruby Edwards, Whitwell, Tenn.

My sister-in-law, who is in a very nervous condition, to be healed.—Mrs. John C. Tomlinson, Rt. 4, Box 90, Jasper, Fla.

My mother to be healed; my husband and me.—Mrs. R. A. Stacy, Bastian, Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Ranzie, Woodlawn, Va.

God to heal my body; unspoken request.—Mrs. Ethel Adkins, 521 Worsham St., Danville, Va.

God to undertake for a very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lonnie Barnes, 607 Colquhoun St., Danville, Va.

My nephew to be completely healed of tumors on his intestines.—Miss Sallie Thomas, 507 W. Hill Ave., Valdosta, Ga.

God to undertake for my son who is in the Service.—Mrs. L. C. McGee, Bennington, Okla.

The healing of my body, I have bronchial trouble, asthma and a severe cough, but I know God can heal me.—Sister Nellie Lankford, Lenoir City, Tenn.

God to take care of and deliver Venter Holcomb, who is a prisoner of the Italians; my son who is in the Hawaiian Island in the Service.—Mrs. Bertha Mae Perkins, 8 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore 23, Md.

The healing of Carlton Duncan who was seriously injured from a fall from a tree.—Mrs. Ada Cumble, Box 317, Diffie, Ga.

Brother Fred Cook to be healed, he was hit by a piece of timber which has badly injured him, and he is downhearted and discouraged; our fourteen-year-old daughter to be healed of a serious ailment.—Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Banks, Rt. 2, Box 953, Santa Ana, Calif.

My wife who has a very bad heart; my wife's parents; me to be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Pvt. Donald O. Shenk, 33493494, Supply and Service Detachment, Camp Phillips, Kans.

God to heal my body, I have been sick since May and will have to be operated on if God doesn't undertake.

—Mrs. Flossie Stephens, Rt. 5, Hattiesburg, Miss.

My grandmother, Mrs. Vestie Davis, who has sugar diabetes.—Miss Kathleen Darnell, Box 3, High Shoals, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. R. M. Sharpe, Rt. 1, Bush, La.

My sister who has inflammatory rheumatism.—Mrs. Thomas Chandler, 142 Powell Ave., Lenoir, N. C.

The healing of my body, I have been in bed for seven weeks in a very serious condition.—Mrs. G. A. Parker.

Sister Lizzie Carpenter, Rt. 2, Yazoo City, Miss., who has a cancer, to be healed, she is very weak.—Mrs. J. T. Sanderson, Rt. 2, Box 133, Yazoo City, Miss.

The healing of my foot, it is in a very bad condition.—Ralph Boswell, Rt. 1, Heflin, Ala.

My husband and me; urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Wilber Combs, Macclenny, Fla.

My side to be healed.—Mattie Wairse, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I am afraid I have a cancer.—Mrs. Myrtle Bryan, 216 N. Aurora St., Easton, Md.

God to heal my legs of broken blood veins; the healing of my mother's body of gallstone and kidney poisoning.—W. A. Campbell, c/o Mrs. R. C. Barrett, Rt. 2, Travellers Rest, S. C.

My granddaughter's husband to be saved and healed of lung trouble and a bad cough; his wife.—Grandmother Minta Brown, Conaway, Va.

The healing of my little girl's limbs; God to undertake for my husband.—Mrs. W. M. Power, Weir, Miss.

The healing of my body of a serious ailment, I know the Lord is able and the doctors say that only surgery will help me. Of late I have been very bad, I am almost desperate. Encouragement appreciated.—Wm. Rosenau, Glad Valley, S. Dak.

The complete healing of my body, I am much better, can walk a little, but I am still sick. I am unable to go to church now and the tracts and papers sent me were a blessing to my soul.—Mrs. Ferbie Powers, Housing Proj., Apt. 88-B, Goldsboro, N. C.

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Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

A MISSIONARY'S TRIP TO THE LOWLANDS

Rationed gasoline made a contemplated trip with Brother Hoggatt to a conference near the border of Salvador out of the question, but I decided rather to go to the coast—the lowlands in Guatemala are called coast regardless of their distance from the seashore—where a new congregation had been calling for me for sometime to baptize some new converts. So with no ration coupons and a tank about empty, I managed to fill the tank with gas on the promise of delivering the coupons later, and was on my way.

Saturday, the third, we went to San Felipe and Cuyutenango and into the country to a coffee plantation. The road to San Felipe winds and twists down the side of Santa Maria, an active volcano (a drop of about 5,700 feet in thirty-five miles, and we coasted some to save gas), through beautiful mountain country—the evergreen, towering, gigantic and ever-changing scenery a continuous delight, and beautiful contrast to the flat and monotonous scenery of the Midwestern States, such as Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. As we coasted smoothly around the curves—of course, honking as we went—we were reminded of our carefree, sled-riding, boyhood days in the hills of Pennsylvania.

But the similitude to winter coasting went no farther than movement for we were dropping down from the delightfully cool climate of the highlands into the sultry lowlands. Occasional snapping in our ears indicated the changing pressure of the atmosphere and the vegetation of the Temperate Zone soon changed to that of the Torrid. Long before we reached San Felipe, banana and coffee trees were in evidence.

Evening was upon us, as we started late, and they were not expecting us to arrive at our destination until Sunday morning. We had expected to sleep in Cuyutenango but learned that there was no hotel there, neither could we find a place to sleep. The

rains were upon us, as this is the rainy season, and through a tropical down-pour we drove to Mazatenango, perhaps an hour's drive, where we had supper and a good bed. It rained, or rather poured down rain, about all night. We have learned many times that missionaries should travel as little as possible here in the rainy season.

Sunday morning, the sun shining brightly, we were again in Cuyutenango where some of the brethren were waiting for us with horses. Leaving our car at a finca (plantation) we mounted and traveled the rest of the way on a road not made for cars. But before we arrived where the congregation was waiting we must cross a river, a river which was now a raging and roaring torrent because of the recent heavy rains. The young man, son-in-law of the owner of the finca where we were going, also saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost, told me to hold on tight and follow him, and he plunged in. My horse, after successfully heaving across some rocks, started to swim and was doing fine until the current swept him against a rock and he turned over. The current helped me to kick loose from the plunging horse and then I started to swim. The young fellow had also left his horse, and getting hold of me dragged me out on shore, and I didn't love him any less when he started to cry.

My left leg got bruised in the struggle to get loose from the horse, I suppose against a rock, and everything got wet. But after a blessed meeting we hobbled down to the river again and I baptized sixteen in water. Again a meeting in the afternoon and another in the night with a blessed revival spirit manifest, and then trying to sleep on a board! We appreciated it very much; it was the best they had to offer. But sleep, a board, and a sore leg don't get along so very well together.

Next day we crossed the same river, but it was not quite so bravo, and the Lord helped us to drive home where I found Carrie waiting to nurse me

and care for that hurt leg. Again I learned that "He that findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord."—C. T. Furman.

REVIVAL

Ranni District, Travancore, South India

In eight of the ten churches on this district revivals are on. The saints have been waiting on God in earnest prayer, sometimes with fasting, and the result is souls saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

At Karakatoor out-station, ten have lately received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and seven have been baptized in water. At Chettakal two have received the Holy Ghost and eleven have been baptized in water.

At Ezhumatoor, in tarrying meetings, three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and in a Sunday meeting five gave their hearts to the Lord. One of the evangelists of that district who helped in these meetings writes: "God is working here wonderfully. Here I have not worked anything but the Lord has done everything. When man begins to work, the Lord ceases to work. Here I have done nothing but I saw what the Lord has done. Therefore, honor and glory is to the Lord. Please uphold me in your prayers that the Lord may increase in me grace and zeal for the Lord's work here."

According to the Malayalam calendar, the old year ends in the middle of August and special annual meetings are held in the different districts on the last day of the old year, a watch-night service following. For two nights preceding these services, meetings were held in Chettakal, outside people coming and showing much interest. During these meetings thirteen were saved.

DISTRICT BIBLE SCHOOLS

As it is impossible for us to have a large number of students here in our Bible School at headquarters, we encourage the teaching of the Word in different districts or stations. This year during the rainy season, we have

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The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, Superintendent

We are giving all available space this month to articles of interest from boys and girls in our Homes, Brother Boehmer, Chairman of the Orphanage Committee, and a letter from Tommy Pittman, which was received a few days ago. He is now somewhere in the South Pacific Islands. Our boys and girls wish everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.—F. R. Harrawood, Superintendent of the Church of God Orphanage.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE WORK

By Rev. E. J. Boehmer, Chairman of Orphanage Committee

At the call of the Orphanage Superintendent, Rev. F. R. Harrawood, the Orphanage Committee met in session Friday, November 19, to consider matters pertaining to the orphanage work. All matters which came before the Committee were properly disposed of and after the meeting the Superintendent, together with the Committee, visited the Girls' Home. We found Sister Brown, the head matron of the Girls' Home, also the other matrons and all the children, happy. As it was mealtime at the Girls' Home and the photographer being present, pictures were made at that time which will probably appear in the paper at a later date. Sister Brown and the matrons are doing splendid work and the children have the highest respect for them and seem to appreciate her and the other matrons very much.

We then made our way to the Boys' Farm and found Brother Eller, Brother Dych and the boys busy gathering corn. After a pleasant visit with them a bountiful spread was enjoyed by the committee, together with the manager, matrons, and the boys.

We are happy to say that both of the Homes are moving along nicely and you may rest assured that the Homes, also the management, appreciate the splendid way in which our people and our friends are taking care of these homeless children.

Dear Brother Harrawood:

Will drop you a few lines to let you know I have landed safely. I can't tell where I am, but I am on one of the

South Pacific Islands. We really have the jungles here. That is about all there is here.

I heard you had a new job this year. I surely hope you like it. You have a fine bunch of boys to work with. I will never forget the few years I spent in the Home. They have really done a lot for me.

I am in a pretty safe place and I like it, but, of course, there isn't any place like home.

Don't forget to pray for us over here, for we surely need your prayers.—Your friend, Tommy Pittman.

In the five years I've spent in the Home I have learned that you can have every advantage of a good education. This is made possible by all of you who contribute to the Orphanage fund.

I will soon be eighteen years old and I probably won't be in the Home much longer, but the Christian principles I have been taught while here will go with me wherever I am.

I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to every one who has helped toward the advancement of the Church of God Orphanage in any way.—Bessie Holcomb.

Bessie is from Arkansas.

Five years of my life have been spent in the Home and it has meant much to me. I will never forget the many wonderful things that I have learned these past five years.—Dorothy Trapp.

Dorothy is from the State of North Carolina.

Twelve years of my life have been spent in the Orphanage. The Lord has been wonderfully good to me, for which I am very grateful.—Esther Lacquey.

Esther is from Florida. Esther's sister, Mary, was also reared in the Home and about two years ago she married Rev. Marshall Roberson, one of our outstanding young ministers. They are now pastoring the Church of God in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

I have been here over six years, with my two sisters. I am fourteen years old. One of my sisters has been

released, so just my younger sister and I are here. We have no father or mother. It is a great privilege to be in such a nice home where we are cared for so well. I certainly am satisfied with such a home. I thank God very much for it, and am happy and love Him ever so much.

I thank every one of you who are furnishing things for our Home.—Marie Maddix.

Marie Maddix is from the State of Alabama.

The Church of God Orphanage Boy Scout Troop is doing nicely under their new Scout Master, Rev. W. F. Dych. Their former Scout Master, Brother Ottis Hewett, has become a member of the Army Air Corps.

We have gone on several hikes, which were very exciting. Several weeks ago we went on a hike to Lake C. We went in the Orphanage truck to a near-by spot, and hiked the rest of the way. It was a very beautiful place. There is a lake, and camping buildings ready for use, as well as firewood and grills for cooking. We ate lunch, and afterward played games. Brothers Dych, Hewett, and Harrawood, superintendent, went with the troop. We had a very good time, and are expecting more of such outings soon.

We plan to build a cabin for our troop this year. There are seventeen in the troop, of which five are second-class scouts; the rest are tenderfoots. Our troop is Number 71. We are having some good times, and are planning more.—Flavis Passman, Scribe.

Flavis is one of our promising boys. He is from the State of Tennessee.

Dear Evangel Readers:

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to tell you something about myself and the Orphanage. I came to the Home from Greenville, South Carolina, on October 3, 1936. Since then I have learned to love the Home and help with its progress as much as possible. I could never tell what the Orphanage has meant to me. My mother and dad both died when I was little, and I was sent here. Since then I have learned to love the matrons as mothers and the boys as brothers.

I appreciate the education the Home is giving me, and what those in charge have meant to me along this line, for there is not a time when a question arises that I cannot get help.

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THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

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men that will cooperate regardless of the cost, men on whom you can depend, men who will be there if they have to wade through difficulties, odds and oppositions of every kind; yes, men that will be there, not with a list of excuses or hard-luck stories, but with the goods, with the job done. Oh, I feel like I must say praise the Lord. We don't have to come up like a yellow coward. By faith we can have a good report; by faith we can subdue kingdoms (not just little oppositions, but powers, kingdoms). Franklin says there are three faithful friends, an old wife, an old dog, and ready money. I say, those that are filled with the Spirit are faithful.

MEEKNESS. Meekness is a lovely flower that grows on a stem of grace. Meekness is that virtue that makes the ugly beautiful. Meekness is one thing the devil can't imitate (at least not very long). Meekness is the ability to be angry and sin not. "The meek enjoy almost a perpetual Sabbath" (M. Henry).

When I see folks with the high head, a proud look, haughty spirit, speaking great swelling words of vanity, I am made to realize that is not a fruit of the Spirit. It seems that there is the most stubborn and daring spirit in humanity these days. Even the children are full of it today. School children will hardly get out of the way of a car. Some seem to say, "Just hit me if you dare." Well, the same spirit wants to get in the church; yes, in the Church of God. Meekness will take care of us and the other fellow also. A fellow said he saw a very narrow bridge across a creek, and a goat on each end of it starting across. He wondered how they would pass each other. He was sure one would butt the other off, but, to his surprise, when they met, one lay down and the other leaped over him, and each went on his way. This kind of goat sense would save many a man from butting or being butted off the strait and narrow way. Meekness, a fruit of the Spirit, will cause you or me to be the goat that lies down if necessary.

TEMPERANCE—Self-control. "Most powerful is he who has himself in his own power" (Seneca). The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves, and that is what temperance, a fruit of the Spirit, will do. "Dearer in the sight of God is

the conquest of self" (Stanley). By the lack of this fruit (the last one) we can lose all the rest.

I heard a backslider telling how he would knock a fellow down every time he got up. This is the answer to why he backslid, probably. If he would have done like Paul in 1 Cor. 9:27 (Syriac), "I subdue my body, and reduce it to servitude" (I make my body a servant). Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him (first) deny himself." Let him first contradict himself, let him call himself a liar; let him knock himself down. Christ knew that old Self would be our worst enemy.

Martin Luther, the great reformer, said he feared himself more than the Pope of Rome, or any other enemy. If we lack this fruit of the Spirit, which is a precious virtue worth more than gold, we are likely to never be worth a thing to God's cause.

Now I want to testify a little. God has blessed me lately. It seems I've been in the Spirit more, and I find heavy burdens become light when we are in the Spirit. I find seeming impossibilities vanish away when I am in the Spirit. I find that the enemy is weaker when I am in the Spirit. So I am a candidate for more of the Spirit. Amen.

MISSION PAGE

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had two short-term schools, one in the Ranni district and one in the Pompardi district. If the Lord tarries, we expect to take the student who comes first in the final examination into our headquarters Bible School next year, allowing him to enter as a second-year student.

In the Ranni school twenty-four were enrolled but sometimes more attended the classes. Last year Genesis, Exodus, and the gospel of Matthew were studied and this year Leviticus and part of Mark's Gospel were taken. Of the eighteen who took the final examination, twelve passed, the one coming second being the son of one of the evangelists of the district. The boy is only twelve years of age.

As a result of these classes and the special meetings, three students have been saved and baptized in water, one of these also receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Two other students were also filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Pompardi District Bible School was conducted at Pallam out-station, the subjects taught being Beginners'

Bible, Genesis and the Gospel of Matthew. The nine-day scholars all passed in the examination, 93 per cent being the highest average gained.

For the night classes more came, eager to learn the Word of God. During the days they had these classes, open-air meetings and prayer meetings were also conducted. One of the students received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We are encouraged by what has been done in these Bible schools and feel that the financial help given them has paid. Thank God for the Word which will not return unto Him void.—Bertha N. Cook.

ORPHANAGE PAGE

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I appreciate all the things the people on the field have given to the Orphanage to help me. I'm sure you will never regret helping an orphan. I am just a freshman in high school, but I plan to finish, and go farther, if the Lord so directs.

At present we have eighty-one boys here, and all are doing fine. Of these, seven are in high school. I am sure that every boy here appreciates all the things you good people have done to secure this Home for them. We have about twenty-five boys from this Home in the service of our country. I hope you will all remember them in your prayers that God will help them. Pray for all the boys in the Home, for we desire your prayers.—Norman Jordan.

Norman has been in the Orphanage seven years and is in charge of the clothes room. He keeps an accurate check of all the boys' clothing, giving out the school, work and Sunday clothes. It is quite a job to keep the clothing properly checked for each child, but Norman has proved his ability to keep everything in order in the clothes room.

SIGNS

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with us and the signs will follow.

It is going to take more of the power of God these last days than ever before. We say we are standing for the Bible. Let's lift up a Bible standard. Jesus is soon coming. I want to be ready. Praise His precious name!

Mercy has a tender feeling toward everyone, but has judgment to know everyone doesn't heed her sympathy.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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will find God.—Starling Smith, pastor, Corbin, Ky.

Dear Brother Walker: We have had a great meeting here in Greenville, S. C. There have been thirty saved, and eight or ten filled with the Holy Ghost.

I just received a letter from the state this morning, stating that a new church has been set in order at Webster City, Iowa. They have a nice tabernacle there and a nice band of saints. We have two more new places ready to open, one at Hamfolt and the other at Perry. At Perry a sister bought a building and paid for it, fixed a four-room parsonage and furnished it, and is turning it over to the Church of God.

God is blessing and the work is spreading to the northern part of the state.—J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our soon-coming King.

I hope this letter finds you well in body and happy in your work.

We are having a good time in Idaho, for God is blessing in so many ways. We have a building program on throughout the state, for which we praise the Lord. The saints say they are encouraged more than ever, and I know that I am.

I thank you for your good prayers for Sister Hill. The Lord heard them and healed her, so you know I am happy.—Ray T. Hill, overseer of Idaho.

A SACRED ORDINANCE

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ural consequence of living a new life because of the experience of the NEW BIRTH and the association with our Lord in His experience at the Jordan is a most enhancing scene which all converts to Christ should not fail to experience, for "EVEN BAPTISM ITSELF IS THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD."

The early Church was loyal to the commission of our Lord. This commission given just before the Lord ascended certainly should convince us all of His interest in the ordinance. We should not neglect it as Christians. Gospel ministers should preach it with ever renewed vigor. The seasons of the year should all be dedicated, whenever necessary, to the glorious service of water baptism.

INSTITUTIONS . . . THEIR FUNCTIONS AND MOTIVES

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WORD AND THE SPIRIT AGREE.

I beg you to let me speak freely here. I know that the Church of God is the nearest thing in the world to the Bible, but when you look at the Minutes of our Assemblies, and note the deliberations of our councilors, how they make a rule one year and change it the next; then make one this year and strike it out next; then make a ruling and let it stand several years and never enforce it; then you can see that all those men are not led by the Spirit of God. And if we are to keep the smiles of God upon us, then we must be led by the Spirit of God and so follow God.

I beg you to let me sound a note of warning here, first to the churches, that they might be very careful and prayerful when they are recommending a man to the ministry, to always know that he is GOD'S CHOICE; sec-

ond, to the district and state overseers, that they, too, might be fully persuaded that the candidate is GOD'S CHOICE before they make him the choice of the Church. That is the only way we can ever keep the Church under divine government and thus keep it the THEOCRACY that God wants it to be. There is a possibility of getting too many men in the Council who are not led by the Spirit of God, and who will bring the disapproval of God upon us. To avert this terrible catastrophe, I beg all bishops who read this to go to the next Council and enact the Bible laws concerning the qualifications of a bishop, and if said laws are enforced, we will have very few men to reach the responsible and honorable office of bishop who are not GOD'S CHOICE.

The function of the Church can only be performed IF and WHEN God is leading it. The Church can have no greater motive than to be led by God. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



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